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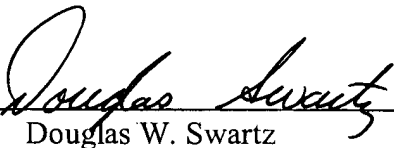
The amendments to the Specification are made to clarify ambiguities in the Specification's use of "hot melt" and "thermosetting" and to incorporate subject matter in U.S. 4,810,549 and U.S. Application Serial No.09/548,839, filed April 13, 2000. A hot melt adhesive is a thermoplastic material and not a thermosetting material. According to *Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary*, 12<sup>th</sup> edition, a hot melt adhesive is "a solid, thermoplastic material which quickly melts upon heating, and then sets to a firm bond on cooling." Thus, the present application discloses two differing embodiments, namely the use of a hot melt (thermoplastic) adhesive and/or a thermosetting adhesive as the permanent adhesive layer.

The claim amendments are supported by the Specification. For example, the amendments to Claims 1, 4, 31, 37, and 38 are supported at page 3, line 13 through page 4, line 5, and page 5, line 26, through page 6, line 5.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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